

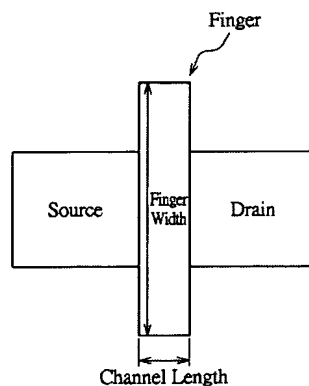
REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ker et al. (US 6,815,775). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner is thanked for reconsideration of this application in response to this paper after final. The Applicants are not amending the application, as the claims are believed to be patentable over the cited art of record. To facilitate the Examiner's reconsideration, the Applicants wish to present some clarifying remarks, which when viewed in light of the pending claims and the originally filed specification, should remove any confusion as to what the Applicants regard as an embodiment of the claimed invention.

With this in mind, the Applicants would like to clarify two terms. The terms related to (a) finger width and (b) channel length. Both of these terms are elaborated and used in the specification as-filed. The following diagram will further clarify the use of terms (a) and (b).



This diagram illustrates a MOS transistor. In the MOS transistor, the channel length is defined as the distance between the source and the drain. The finger width is defined as the distance in the direction perpendicular to the direction of the channel length.

Now referring to Fig. 5 of the present application, it is easier to understand that the first finger width is smaller than said second finger width.

According to the above explanation, the structure of the semiconductor device defined in claims 1-3 is not taught by Ker's teaching, as Ker only teaches the technique concerning the variation of the channel length. Claims 1-3, in their current form are submitted to be patentable over the art of record. The Examiner is therefore kindly requested to withdraw the Section 102 rejection over Ker.

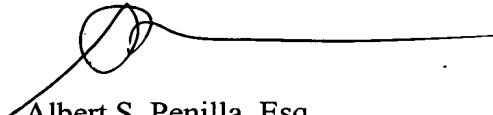
A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

As no amendments were provided by way of this clarifying request for reconsideration, the Examiners is kindly requested to enter the remarks in the record for possible appeal.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903.

If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No JLINP093.DIV2). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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